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& Calendar of Events

February/March 2022

Get Smitten With Books @ Your Library

I Love Lucy Because...

I Love Lucy Because... Friends Fundraiser

February 1 - 28, 2022

Support the Friends of the Lucy Robbins Welles Library! Buy a heart for any amount and tell us what you love about Lucy! Hearts will be available in February, both in the library lobby and online. We will display the hearts and your kind words throughout the library. Donations can be made by mail, in person or online at <http://www.newingtonct.gov/library>. For more information call the library. 

Adult Winter Reading Kickoff & Registration:

Get Smitten with Books!

Thursday, February 3, 10:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Drop in or register online to receive a free gift and a chance to win the kickoff prize. Adults will earn a prize ticket for every book they read or listen to, which will be entered into the weekly drawings for special gifts. All tickets collected will be entered into the grand prize drawing to be held on Friday, March 11. 



Teen Winter Reading: Get Smitten with Books!

Monday, February 7 - Monday, March 14

Cozy up with a good book! Teens can register online on the Teen webpage. Once registered, teens can enter one reading log submission for every book/graphic novel read. Participating teens will be entered into weekly prize drawings. One grand prize winner will win a \$50 gift card to enjoy during our long winter! Winners will be contacted by phone.  

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 5

In honor of this day, we will be putting together customized book bundles for your child to read. We will also be celebrating Mo Willem's birthday early by giving out a goody bag with each library book bundle, while supplies last. The form to request a book bundle will be available on our Events page from February 2 - February 7. 



Children's Winter Reading: Get Smitten with Books!

Monday, February 7 - Monday, March 14

Get your mittens on a good book and join the Children's Winter Reading Program! Registration will be available online. A Winter Reading Log will be posted on the library's website. Once registered, you may print the log from home or come in to pick up a copy. When the log is completed, please call the Children's Department to claim your reward. This reading program is for all children up to 6th grade.  



Bonus Collaborative Programming

We are happy to be collaborating with our neighboring libraries in Berlin, Rocky Hill and Wethersfield as a way to bring amazing programs to all of our patrons! You can register and receive Zoom links for all of the programs by calling the Lucy Robbins Welles Library. Other programs can be found on our website starting the day of the program. It's a win-win! Enjoy!!

Local Author Talk with Matthew Dicks - Virtual

Monday, February 7, 6:30 p.m.

Matthew Dicks will be joining the patrons from neighboring libraries for a fun, engaging night. Register for Zoom link. (See inside for details) 



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion - Virtual

DEI Live Get-together on Zoom

Thursday, February 10, 6:30 p.m.

DEI Book Discussion: Braving the Wilderness by Brené Brown

Thursday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.

(See inside for details) 

The Cocktail Hour Garden with The Garden Lady - C.L. Fornari - Virtual

Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Deschler family in honor of their mother, Cecile Deschler. (See inside for details) 

Dining Partner Program

 The Lucy Robbins Welles Library Board of Trustees, in partnership with the Friends of the Library, present year three of the Dining Partner Program. See what discounts or special offers your favorite participating restaurants will be offering. Dining tickets will be distributed by curbside pickup and other events, and identified with the waiter symbol.

Reminders

Many of the programs the library offers  are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. These programs are identified by the symbol above.

 Many programs require registration. They will be identified by this symbol. Unless noted, registration will be taken over the telephone at the Adult Information Desk by calling 860-665-8700 or the Children's Dept. at 860-665-8720.

Adult Events

Please check the Adult Events webpage for program info and access.

FEBRUARY

The First Ladies of the United States with Mariann Millard – Virtual

Tuesday, February 1, 6:30 p.m.
Join Mariann Millard, a licensed Washington, DC guide, and learn about the WOMEN who stood beside our famous presidents. From Abigail Adams and Dolly Madison to Laura Bush and Michelle Obama, the First Ladies of the United States have had a lasting impact on American society. Who were they, really? Register for Zoom link. Sponsored by the Cora J. Belden Library.

Grab & Go Coloring Packets for Adults

February 1 and 15
& March 1 and 15

We are happy to offer packets of coloring pages for adults, each with its own theme. Coloring packets will be ready for pickup on or after the dates listed. Call to reserve a coloring packet.



Adult Winter Reading Kickoff and Registration: Get Smitten with Books!

Thursday,
February 3,
10:00 a.m. –
7:00 p.m.

(See Front Cover)



Page Turners Book Discussion – Virtual

Thursday, February 3, 7:00 p.m.
Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan
Join us for this lively book discussion facilitated by library staff. All are welcome. Register for Zoom link.

Local Author Talk with Matthew Dicks – Virtual

Monday, February 7, 6:30 p.m.
Matthew Dicks will be joining the patrons from neighboring libraries for a fun, engaging night. Listen to this amazing man tell his story and give a behind-the-scenes look at some of his newer books. He will also come to the April Page Turners Book Discussion Group and discuss his book *Memoirs of an Imaginary Friend*. Join Matthew Dicks live on Zoom! Register for Zoom link.

Grab & Go Puzzle Packets

February 8 and 22
& March 8 and 22

Stuck in the house? Try something new. We put together packets of fun just for you. Each packet will include puzzles, word games, and more! Call to reserve a packet.



Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – Virtual



DEI Live Get-together on Zoom

Thursday, February 10, 6:30 p.m.

“Let’s do this thing called life better, together.” Join Newington’s Courageous Community Conversations in 2022 with Indelible Impressions consultant Yvonne Alston as we watch and discuss a Brené Brown video. In March we will discuss one of her books.

DEI Book Discussion: *Braving the Wilderness* by Brené Brown

Thursday, March 10, 6:30 p.m.
Braving the Wilderness by Brené Brown.
Join us for this lively book discussion facilitated by Yvonne Alston. All are welcome. Register for Zoom link.

Spice It to GO!

Explore a different culinary spice each month. We’ll provide a small FREE take-home kit, which will include a small sample of the spice, recipes, and information on the history of each featured spice. Call to reserve your kit. Supplies are limited.

February’s Spice It to Go – Ancho Chile Powder

Recipe: Cinnamon and Spice Hot Cocoa

Pick-Up: February 14 – 20



March’s Spice It to Go – TCM KC Style Rub

Recipe: BBQ Parmesan Crisps

Pick-Up: March 14 – 20

Black History Month:

Hattie Carthan – Virtual

Tuesday, February 15, 6:30 p.m.

Come learn about pioneering urban gardener and environmentalist, Hattie Carthan, with Librarian Lindsay Delligan. Hattie and her block associations were responsible for planting 1500 trees in Brooklyn, New York in the 1960s. Hattie also led the effort to preserve a rare Southern Magnolia tree, a tree which still stands today and is the only living landmark in the country. Register for Zoom link. Sponsored by the Cora J. Belden Library.



Owls of Connecticut – Virtual

Wednesday, February 16, 6:30 p.m.

Jay Kaplan, Director of Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton, will present a program featuring Connecticut’s Owls. The program will include their adaptations for survival, habits, and the habitats where they can be found. Register for Zoom link. Sponsored by the Berlin Land Trust.



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Virtual Technology Classes

Classes will be taught using Microsoft Office 2016. Register for Zoom link. Sponsored by the Cora J. Belden Library.

Microsoft Office Basics – Word

Tuesday, February 8, 2:00 p.m.

Learn how to create and edit a document with Microsoft Word.

Microsoft Office Basics – Excel

Tuesday, February 15, 2:00 p.m.

Learn how to create spreadsheets that

allow you to easily store, organize, and modify data with Microsoft Excel.

Microsoft Office Basics – PowerPoint

Tuesday, February 22, 2:00 p.m.

Learn how to create a digital presentation using Microsoft PowerPoint.



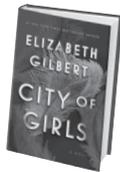
Make a Simple Website with HTML – Virtual

Thursday February 24: 6:30 p.m.

Have you been curious about web design but didn’t know where to start? Check out this quick, one-hour Zoom crash course on basic HTML and get an idea of how to get started. Recommended for grades 6 and up, including adults! Register for Zoom link.

Brown Bag It with a Book Discussion
- *Virtual*

Thursday, February 17, noon
City of Girls by Elizabeth Gilbert
Back by popular demand is the *Brown Bag It* series. Join us for this virtual discussion while enjoying lunch in the comfort of your own home! Register for Zoom link. 



It Happened Last Year in Real Estate
- *Virtual*

Thursday, February 17, 6:30 p.m.
Join local real estate agent Cathy Rossini Lapierre and home inspector Louis Nero to hear about the real estate market during the pandemic. They will enlighten us with stories of "life as they knew it." They will talk about their predictions for the upcoming spring season and how you can prepare and navigate as a buyer or seller. Register for Zoom link. Co-sponsored by the NCC. 



Health and Wellness Series with Dr. Nicole Klughers ND, PharmD, MSAC
- *Virtual*

Join us for virtual talks with Naturopathic Physician, Dr. Nicole Klughers. Register for Zoom link. Sponsored by the Cora J. Belden Library.

Immune Support

Tuesday, February 22, 6:00 p.m.
Dr. Klughers will look at immune support and natural ways that we can boost our immune systems. Come learn some natural tips and techniques.

Blood Sugar Balance; Natural Ways to Prevent and Address Diabetes

Tuesday, March 22, 6:00 p.m.
Whether you have blood sugar concerns, or would like tips to prevent future issues, Dr. Klughers will go over some natural steps and tips you can use to help balance blood sugar and live healthy.



Harry Potter Trivia Night
with Karolyn and Jeanette - *Virtual*

Friday, February 25, 7:00 p.m.
Get comfy in your living room in your wizard garb and join area libraries for a Muggle

trivia night straight from Hogwarts, or maybe not. Answer trivia questions by yourself or with a group of friends. All ages are welcome. Register for Zoom link. Prizes will be awarded. Co-sponsored by the Beekley Community Library.



The Bellamy-Ferriday House - Virtual
Monday, February 28, 6:30 p.m.

Join Connecticut Landmarks educator Jana Colacinto, and learn about the Bellamy-Ferriday House and how Martha Hall Kelly found it, connecting the books with the house and background information. Register for Zoom link. Sponsored by the Wethersfield Public Library.

MARCH

The Brighter Side of Medicare - Virtual
Tuesday, March 2, 6:30 p.m.

Medicare is confusing. This program will help simplify the decision-making process and explore your options, starting with Medicare types. Mistakes are common; some are costly. Learn to avoid the pitfalls. Register for Zoom link. Co-sponsored by Edward Jones and the NCC.



Page Turners Book Discussion - Virtual
Rebecca by Daphne duMaurier
Thursday, March 3, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for this lively book discussion facilitated by a library staff member. All are welcome. Register for Zoom link. 



Forever Ireland - Virtual
Tuesday, March 8, 6:30 p.m.

Storyteller Monica Peterson brings the history, humor, and magic of the Irish people to life in this fascinating program. Dressed in costume and featuring photos and artifacts that complement the stories, Monica tells the stories of "The Pirate Queen", "The School Mistress and the Giant" and "Uncle Bucky". Register for Zoom link. Sponsored by the Berlin-Peck Memorial Library.



End of Adult Winter Reading
- *Get Smitten with Books!*
Friday, March 11

All tickets collected for the program's weekly drawings will be entered into the grand prize drawing to be held at 12 noon. Winners will be notified. 



The Cocktail Hour Garden with The Garden Lady - C.L. Fornari - Virtual
Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a live Zoom presentation with gardening expert and author C.L. Fornari, who will discuss how to create a garden atmosphere that sets the mood for private relaxation or festive occasions with friends. Register for Zoom link. Sponsored by the Deschler family in honor of their mother Cecile Deschler. 

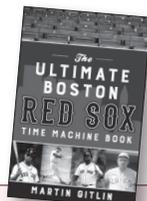


Unique Connecticut Eats
with Mike Urban - *Virtual*

Tuesday, March 15, 6:30 p.m.
Connecticut boasts an impressive array of tempting delicacies for every taste and budget. With *Unique Eats and Eateries of Connecticut* and Mike Urban as your guide, you'll find a new place to try on every page and get the stories behind the food, too. Join author Mike Urban as he takes you on a virtual tour around this culinary wonderland to explore eats and eateries that are both familiar and exotic. Register for Zoom link. Sponsored by the Cora J. Belden Library. 

Red Sox Nation with Marty Gitlin
- *Virtual*

Tuesday, March 29, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for a journey through Boston Red Sox history with the author of the *Ultimate Boston Red Sox Time Machine Book*. This presentation features the greatest and most fascinating players, teams, events and moments in franchise history, covering Sox history from the Royal Rooters, who launched Red Sox Nation, all the way to the four World Series championships and beyond. Register for Zoom link. Sponsored by the Cora J. Belden Library. 



SAVE THE DATE!

The 25th Anniversary of the Library 5K Road Race will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Teen Events

Please check the Teen Events webpage for program info and access.

FEBRUARY

Teen Grab & Go: Greatest Hits

Tuesday, February 1

For grades 6–12. Stop by this month and choose a craft from the past year that's brand new to you! Crafts will be available at the Adult Information Desk. 



Teen Winter Reading 2021:

Get Smitten with Books!

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Monday, February 7 –
Monday, March 14



Teen Anime Club

Thursday, February 24, 5:30 p.m.

For grades 6–12. Hang out and talk all things anime with other fans! This meeting will include an anime showing. Registration required. A



special snack pack will be available for pickup beginning Monday, February 21 for registered teens.  

MARCH

Teen Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 22, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

For grades 6–12. Help us make the library a better place for you! Give input on teen events, and help develop the collection of teen materials. Earn a community service hour for sharing your opinion!

You must be willing to participate in discussions.

Registration required. 



Teen Book Club

Thursday, March 31, 3:30 - 4:15 p.m.

For grades 6–12. Join this brand-new book club! For this first meeting, come prepared to share your favorite book(s). You'll also learn what the book will be for the next meeting. Registration required.



Children's Events

Please check the Kid's Events webpage for program info & access.

FEBRUARY

February Indoor Stories, Songs, and Snowflakes

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

February 1, 8, 15, and 22

Join us for an all-ages storytime INDOORS! We'll welcome in the morning with stories and songs. Please attend with no more than one adult per child due to our limited capacity. Registration required. 



Stories, Songs, and Snowflakes

February Outdoor Stories, Songs, and Snowflakes

Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m.

February 1, 8, 15, & 22

Join us for an all-ages storytime OUTDOORS! Weather permitting, we'll enjoy a story (or two) and a song (or two). We will be located on the Library Green. Please remember to bring seating (blankets or chairs) and to bundle up. This will be a repeat storytime from the previous indoor session. Registration required. 

Indoor Family Storytime – February

Thursdays, February 3, 10, 17, and 24, 6:00 p.m.

Stories, songs and more for the whole family! Please attend with no more than one adult per child due to our limited capacity. Registration required. 



Take Your Child to the Library Day Saturday, February 5

In honor of this day, we will be putting together customized book bundles for your child to read. We will also be celebrating Mo Willem's birthday early by giving out a goody bag with each library book bundle, while supplies last. The form to request a book bundle will be available on our Events page from February 2 – February 7. You may pick up your bundle inside the library or arrange a curbside pickup. 



Get Smitten with books!

Children's Winter Reading Get Smitten with Books!

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Monday, February 7 –
Monday, March 14

Get your mittens on a good book and join the Children's Winter Reading Program! 

Passport – Reading Takes You Places (a special Grab & Go kit)

Monday, February 7

For grades 2 – 5. Take a trip around the world, back in time, or to the stars! Get your Passport and travel through stories. Craft kits and hot cocoa will be included. This grab & go will be available beginning February 7, while supplies last. 



Children's Events

MARCH

March Indoor Stories, Songs, and Snowflakes - Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29

Join us for an all-ages storytime INDOORS! We'll welcome in the

morning with stories and songs. Please attend with no more than one adult per child due to our limited capacity.

Registration required. 



Stories, Songs, and Snowflakes

March Outdoor Stories, Songs, and Snowflakes

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Registration required. 

Indoor Family Storytime - March

Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31, 6:00 p.m.

Stories, songs and more for the whole family! Please attend with no more than one adult per child due to our limited capacity. Registration required.



Paint Kit Grab & Go

Monday, March 14

For grades 2 - 5. Create a masterpiece in your own home!

Limited kits are available beginning March 14. All supplies are included. Happy painting! 



EXTRAS

Grab & Go Crafts

Each week we will have crafts ready for pickup! There will be a pre-k - 1st grade craft available weekly.



Children's Book Bundles

Let us create a personalized book bundle for your child! Visit our Reading Recommendations page to answer some questions online by filling out a special form.



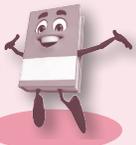
1000 Books Before Kindergarten

This self-paced program encourages families to explore the world of books, get prizes, grow as readers, and have fun together. The library is here to cheer you on and connect you and your baby, toddler, or preschooler with books perfect for laughs, cuddles, and building literacy skills.



Pop-Up Picks

Watch out for our pop-up book picks! A curated batch of Children's books & a small prize will pop up on our library's Facebook page.



Indoor Challenges

Our department has put together some fun, passive activities for kids to enjoy indoors! Come check out our I-Spy tank and see what you can spot. Challenge yourself with our Winter Scavenger Hunt to see if you can find all the books. Lastly, check out the obstacle courses we have waiting for you in our book stacks. We hope you enjoy!



Topic Totes

Totes with books focused on one topic will be available for circulation. Parents can check out up-to-date topic lists and information on the Children's Reading Recommendations webpage. Call for more details.



StoryWalk

Our special StoryWalk® is located on the Library Green. Walk together and enjoy a story along the way. A new story will be up in early spring. Use #lrwlkids on Instagram so we can see that you visited or scan the QR code to answer a brief survey. If you take the QR Code survey, you have the chance to win a prize!



More detailed information is available on all programs listed above by calling the Children's Department at 860-665-8720. 


**Friends
Corner**

If you have suggestions of items you think should be at the Friends' Corner, please contact us at info@friendslrwlibrary.org

Friends Corner is Open
Offering great prices on a selection of gently used fiction, non-fiction, children's books and audiovisual materials.

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Friends February Fundraiser
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From the Library Director

Join us for the 2022 Winter Reading Program, **Get Smitten with Books!**, that begins in early February and runs through mid-March. There is a winter reading program for everyone: children, teens and adults. Check out the newsletter or go to the library's website www.newingtonct.gov/library for all of the details and be part of the fun. There will also be a great selection of online programs and Grab & Go kits for all ages that will keep you entertained during the winter months. Thanks to our collaboration with other area libraries we are able to offer you a wider variety of programs to choose from.

Also, please consider supporting the Friends by buying a heart during our February Valentine's Day fundraiser, **"I Love Lucy Because..."**

- Lisa Masten

Dining Partners

A huge "thank you" to new partners and the businesses who continue to support the library.

Alvarium Beer Company
Arby's
Boiling Soho
The Boss Grill
Campus Spirit & Liquors
Carvel
Checkers Pizza
Chef's Dog House
Chick-fil-A
Chili's Bar and Grill

Cisco's
Craftbird Sandos & Tenders
DiBella's Subs
Elm Hill Pizza
The Flying Monkey Grill & Bar
Friendly's
GoldBurgers
King Donuts
Lou & Mo's
Mediterranean Market
Ming Palace
Mooyah
Naija Restaurant
Newington Pizza & Grinders

Outback Steak House
Phoenix Pizza
Plaza Azteca
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Smoothie King
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TGI Fridays
The Kakery
The Sloppy Waffle
TJ's on Cedar
Town Line Pizza and Restaurant
Turnpike Pizzeria
Veggie World
Village Pizza
Vino's Pizza



Library Meetings

Library Board

Monday, February 14, 7:00 p.m.
Monday, March 14, 7:00 p.m.

Friends of the Library

Wednesday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, March 9, 7:00 p.m.

Library Hours (subject to change)

Monday - Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Lucy-to-Go Curbside Pickup

is still available during regular library hours Monday - Saturday.

Library Closings

Monday, February 21 - President's Day

To Reach the Library

General Info & Reference:
(860) 665-8700
Hours: (860) 665-8710
Children's Department (860) 665-8720
Administration: (860) 665-8730
Fax: (860) 666-0034

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